

REMARKS

Claims 54, 55, 59, 62-65, 69, 70, 74, 77-81, and 83-85 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 52, 53, 66-68, and 82 have been canceled. Claims 4-51 were previously canceled. Claims 54-65, 69-81, and 83-85 are pending in this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 54-65, 69-81, and 83-85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brobst et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,061,700) ("Brobst") and further in view of IBM (NNRD 423111) and Miyashita (JP 08255255). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Brobst relates to a system for allowing users to print related web pages without accessing the respective web pages. Brobst discloses that related web pages on networks are regarded as a composite unit. In Brobst, the formatting of web pages is implemented by defining a list of URLs and associated relation criteria (nest level) for the selected URLs. (Brobst, FIGs. 3, 4). Applicant submits that Brobst fails to disclose "reading an XML declaration block of the input document information and determining whether the XML declaration block read is an XML declaration; reading a document-type declaration and a document entity of the input document information if it is determined that the input document information is XML document information; separating a tag and an element described in the document entity by using a regulation set in the document-type declaration; converting the document entity to a tree structure; and adding the evaluated degree of significance of said each element to said tree structure," as recited by claims 83 and 84 and similarly by claim 85. As such, Brobst fails to disclose, teach, or suggest every limitation of claims 83-85.

Applicant submits that IBM fails to cure the deficiencies of Brobst. IBM relates to a system for converting HTML to well formed XML using a process based on extension of tags. IBM discloses that the tags are associated with preference information, and XML elements representative of preference are generated together with original HTML structures. IBM is merely directed to formatting document information in an appropriate manner and is silent about generating a new document based on formatted document information. IBM does not disclose, teach, or suggest the evaluation step or the evaluation unit recited by claims 83-85. Specifically, IBM fails to disclose at least the limitations of "reading an XML declaration block of the input document information and determining whether the XML declaration block read is an XML declaration; reading a document-type declaration and a document entity of the input document information if it is determined that the input document information is XML document information; separating a tag and an element described in the document entity by using a regulation set in the document-type declaration; converting the document entity to a tree structure; and adding the evaluated degree of significance of said each element to said tree structure," as recited by claims 83 and 84 and similarly by claim 85. As such, Brobst and IBM, whether considered alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest every limitation of claims 83-85.

Applicant respectfully notes that Miyashita fails to cure the deficiencies of Brobst and IBM. Instead, Miyashita relates to a system for arranging document information including characters, drawings and pictures, etc., within the limited area of a display device so that contents may be easily recognized and displaying the document information. The relative importance of each document element of input document information is calculated, and then the size of each document element is calculated. Each document element is successively arranged in order on the column of a prescribed rectangular area. The lengths of all the elements may then be matched with the lengths

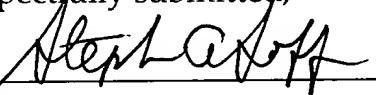
of all rectangular areas. As with Brobst and IBM, Miyashita does not disclose, teach, or suggest the evaluation unit recited in claims 83-85. Applicant respectfully submits that Brobst, IBM, and Miyashita, whether considered alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest every limitation of claims 83-85. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 83-85 are allowable over the cited references.

Claims 54-65 depend from claim 84 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as discussed above. Claims 69-81 depend from claim 85 and are allowable for at the same reasons as discussed above. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 54-65, 69-81, and 83-85.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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